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CONSCIENCE EVENT IN GENEVA

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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Gabriel Escobar, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Human Rights  
Office Director Laura Carpini July 10, after her return from  
an EU human rights coordinating meeting in Brussels. Carpini  
said the EU remains firmly convinced that the event on  
prisoners of conscience should be held in Geneva, and was  
frustrated that we remain inflexible on this point. She said  
Italy remained focused on reaching an agreement that would  
allow the EU to co-host this event, and was not yet  
considering co-sponsoring an event in New York on a bilateral  
basis without a common EU decision to do so. Carpini said  
that France had been tasked with providing Washington with  
more details on the European position on the event in its  
role as EU President.  
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